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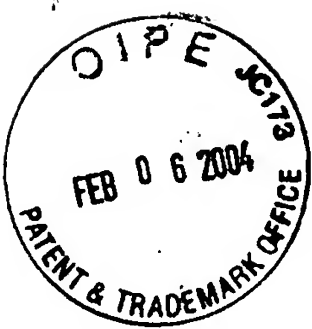
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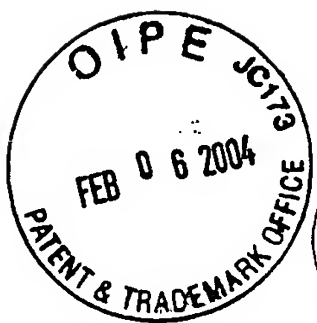
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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present disclosure relates generally to digital communications and, more particularly, to instant messaging (IM).